

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Oct	1,588,300	225,800
	Nov	1,589,900	227,400
	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,400	228,900
	Feb	1,587,300	228,500
	Mar	1,584,500	227,800
	Apr	1,589,000	228,400
	May	1,590,100	228,200

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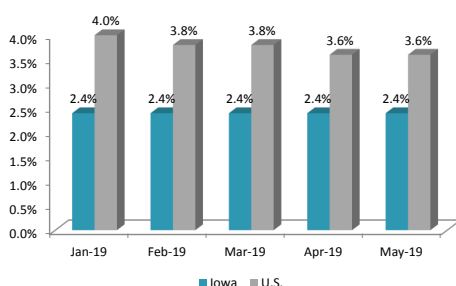
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate remained at 2.4 percent in May. The state's jobless rate was 2.6 percent one year ago.
- The state's total unemployment level increased slightly to 40,700 in May from 40,300 in April.
- The U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 3.6 percent in May.

Regular UI Exhaustion Rate Twelve Month Moving Average



- About 25 percent of UI recipients drew the maximum number of weeks of benefits available to them. This exhaustion rate exceeded 40 percent during the recession in 2010, but has been around 25 percent for the last two years.
- The maximum number of weeks of regular UI benefits available ranges from 8 to 26 per benefit year depending on an individual's earnings.

- Iowa establishments added 1,100 jobs in May following a gain of 4,500 in April. These were the first two gains this year.
- Financial activities added 700 jobs following losses in three of the last four months.
- Construction added 600 jobs this May and is now up 3,100 jobs over the past two months. This follows a weak first quarter which pared 2,100 jobs.
- Manufacturing pared 200 jobs and has now lost jobs in three of the last four months.
- Retail trade trended down again in May, losing 1,000 jobs. This is the third loss in the last four months.
- Education and health care combined to add 600 jobs and remains 1,500 jobs higher than last year's mark. This sector has advanced in three consecutive months.
- Iowa is up 6,300 jobs versus last year. Manufacturing is up 6,500 jobs and professional and business services is up 2,100 jobs.
- U.S. total nonfarm employment gained 75,000 jobs in May, far fewer than the prior twelve month average.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - May 2019

